

**PORTLAND
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

Parent Newsletter

No 15 MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019



Creating the Opportunities

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Another term has flown past and once again we find ourselves in the last week before a well - deserved break for us all. And what a busy week it will be! Our Principal, Ms Patricia Nunan is off having a break in India so I have the privilege of winding up the term.

On Wednesday we farewell a group of students who are departing on a language and cultural tour of Indonesia and we also say goodbye to Ms Nicole Van Veen who goes on maternity leave. We wish her well in the coming weeks and look forward to meeting the newest addition to the family, expected in early November.

Our Year 12 students celebrate their last assembly on Friday. They then embark on a rigorous study program of exam preparation and practice exams before sitting their final exams late in October.

Parent-teacher interviews are on tomorrow for all students in Years 7 to 11 (Year 12 students have normal classes) and we offer all students and their parents the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress at school. It's not too late. Log onto Compass and choose a time slot that suits you. Interviews run from 11am to 6pm for most staff with some Year 12 staff finishing a little earlier.

Wednesday is Footy Colours Casual Clothes Day - \$1.00 if students are obviously dressed in football colours and \$2.00 for those just dressed in casual. Part of the money raised will be donated to a student at Bundarra who is suffering a horrible illness – our students felt they would like to help out others in our school community so we encourage students to dig deep – it's for a good cause!

I had the privilege of visiting two of our students who are attending the Alpine School for Leadership last Friday. Two Year 9 students, Hamish Drew and Amber Cachia, have spent the last eight weeks living at the Leadership camp and I was given a tour and the chance to hear about some of the fabulous activities they have been doing. Part of the school's curriculum is to develop a school project which the students can implement when they come back to PSC. Amber and Hamish have big plans for PSC when they return. It was great to spend the day with them and see how much they have grown in confidence.

Today we have students out in Ballarat representing the College in the next round of Athletics and we wish them well. We'll have a report on these students early next term.

Finally, I would like to wish all the students and their families a happy and safe break. We'll see you all next term, refreshed and ready to go. Enjoy the break!

Jo Kindred - Acting Principal.

Coming Events

Regularly check Newsletters and PSC website for updates at www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au Facebook/ portlandsecondarycollege

Monday 16 September
-GWR Athletics - Ballarat
- Year 7 Vaccinations

Tuesday 17 September
Parent/teacher/Student Interviews Year 7—11

Friday 20 September
Last day of Term 3
2.30pm finish

TERM 4

Monday 7th October
First day back for staff and students.

Mon 14 until Wed 16 October
Year 12 practice Exams

Thursday 17 October
Super 8 T20 Cricket—Yr 7 & 8 in Hamilton.

Friday 18 October
GWR Athletics

Monday 21 October
Year 10 Deacon Inspire Day

Tuesday 22 October
Super 8 T20 Cricket—Yr 9 & 10 in Hamilton.

Thursday 31 October
Indigenous Aspiration

Scholarship eligibility and availability

Applications for more than 60 scholarships are now open to current Year 12 Victorian government school students who are planning to undertake tertiary studies in 2020.

A variety of scholarships are on offer for eligible students.

Year 12 students heading to university or TAFE

Five Alexander Rushall scholarships are available for eligible students who will be undertaking a degree in 2020, with no restrictions on the course. This scholarship is valued at \$1,500.

Two Walter Lindrum Memorial Scholarships valued at \$500 each are available to eligible students who will be undertaking a degree or diploma in 2020.

Year 12 students planning on studying education

Thirty George Garibaldi Turri scholarships are available each year for eligible students who will be undertaking a full-time teaching degree in 2020.

These scholarships are valued at \$2,680 each annually for up to four years.

Year 12 students interested in studying fine arts

Twenty Ella Donald Fine Arts Memorial scholarships are available for eligible students who will be undertaking a full-time Fine Arts degree in 2020.

These scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each annually for the duration of the course.

Year 12 female Koorie students

One Alice Jennings scholarship is available for a current Year 12 female Koorie student who will be undertaking a full-time TAFE or university course in 2020 in a field that contributes to the welfare of the Koorie population.

Those fields include law, social work, education, psychology and applied science (health production and nursing). This scholarship is valued at \$1,000 annually for the duration of the course.

Application details

Applications are now open and will close 31 January 2020.

To apply see the website below for more information, including scholarship-specific criteria.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS

While it is not ideal to take family holidays in school time we understand at times it is unavoidable. If you are planning to take your child out of school for a family holiday DET requires the following process takes place:

1. Make contact with your child's Mentor to arrange a meeting. Ideally this would be done at least two weeks prior the absence
2. At your meeting your Mentor will fill out an 'Educational Absence Approval' form. This will be signed by both the mentor and Parent.
3. Work will be provided for your child to do while they are absent.



Science Department thank you.....



Incitec Pivot have kindly donated hundreds of beakers, flasks, measuring cylinders, filters, pipettes, burettes, solution containers, test tubes and many other pieces of lab equipment to Portland Secondary College's science department.

This equipment is very expensive and will free up our budget to allow for more hands on learning. We are incredibly grateful for Incitec Pivot's generosity.

Carla Shiel - PLAT Science Coordinator.



Australian Defence Force visit

Last week members from the Australian Defence Force provided an information session for students to learn about the various job opportunities within the ADF.

For more info visit: defence.com.au



Pictured left is Portland Secondary College student Connor Bond and right Matthew McQueen and Cody Marshall-White chatting with members of the ADF.





**We are all
Superheroes
(kind of!)**

**2019
School
Production**



School Production



JASMINE aka BEAST GIRL
- MAKEELY KINDRED

TRENT aka ELEMENTAL
- TOBY BASSETT

REGINA aka ZEN
- ELLA NOONAN

LILY aka MIND MARVEL
- ERIN DIXON

BAILEY aka GADGET GIRL
- ALYSSA DUNSTAN

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- CHARLIE BASSETT



CHIEF
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INSTRUCTOR
- HAYDEN BRYANT

KUNG FOO
MASTER
-KASSI BARKER

THE MAYOR - ELLA MILLARD
BARBARA - LILY DAVIS

THANK YOU

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO EXPRESS OUR CREATIVITY AND TALENTS IN SUCH AN AMAZING FORUM. THERE ARE TOO MANY OF YOU TO NAME, BUT PLEASE KNOW, WE ARE BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TIME, PATIENCE AND SUPPORT.
XXX

CREW

ASH ELIJAH
CHRIS DIXON
CLAIRE WALSH
KARENSA SMITH
BRIAN HEALY
SUE TAYLOR
EMILY GOREY
ROB FOARD
BRADEN DAWSON



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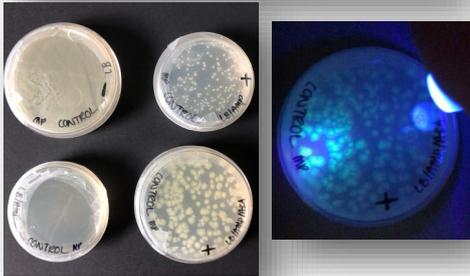
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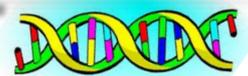
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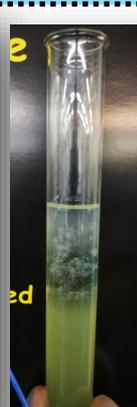
Yr 12 Biology students have been looking at DNA technology and how genetic transformation works.



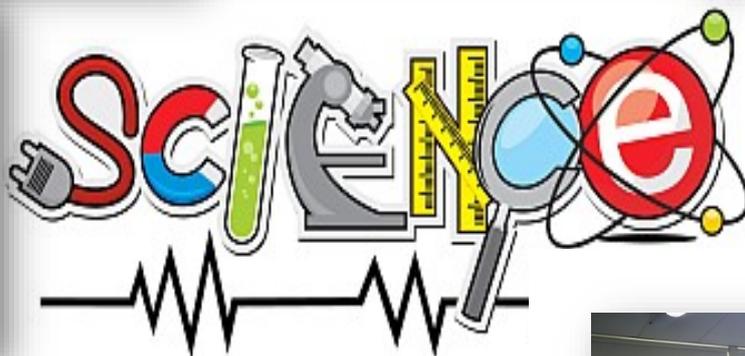
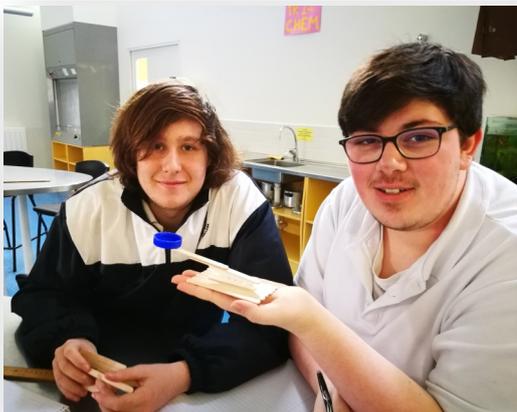
VCE BIOLOGY



Yr 11 Biology students busy extracting DNA from kiwi fruit.



By: Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician
Miss Donna Jennings—Yr 12 Biology Teacher
Mrs Cheryl Edwards—Yr 11 Biology Teacher



By Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician

Careers in Ag – RIST

(Rural Industries Skills Training)

On Monday 9th September, some of our Year 9 students went to Hamilton to experience Careers in Agriculture which is organised by RIST. The students enjoyed their day learning everything from pasture, fencing, shearing, worms, paddock to plate, dogs, water systems for livestock and farm technology.

RIST develops critical thinking skills which will produce adaptable, resilient, resourceful students who are technologically competent, can think for themselves and show initiative in the workplace.

Some student responses from the day:

- ⇒ *I loved learning how to do fencing—Zak D.*
- ⇒ *It was fun learning how to shear—Adrian B.*
- ⇒ *I loved the experience and learning new skills—Sam P.*
- ⇒ *I enjoyed learning how to shear the sheep, great experience— Liam.*
- ⇒ *I enjoyed shearing sheep—Lexie.*
- ⇒ *It was a nice day. I liked the dogs—Lauren.*
- ⇒ *I enjoyed today, I am not able to experience many things with agriculture so being able to do some activities within this field was very enjoyable. Shearing, dogs and stock were my favourite — Tee.*
- ⇒ *The fencing was educational, I loved trying new things—Sarah.*
- ⇒ *Seeing a cut up dead sheep was cool—Devi.*



Suzanne Patterson -
MIPS/Careers Dev.
Coord/Koorie Liaison
Officer.



**RMIT -
STEM/
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RMIT – STEM

On Monday the 2nd of September, RMIT visited Portland Secondary College to inform students about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) and expose females to potential courses and careers within the Engineering field.

The day started with a presentation to Year 11 students which guided students to look at potential pathways in Engineering and Maths. RMIT then ran 3 rotational sessions to our Year 10 students that focused on Web Coding, Civil and Electronic Engineering. Students enjoyed building bridges out of spaghetti and wiring electronic boards to make specific sounds. Students enjoyed the day and liked this experience around a pathway that they hadn't considered before.

PSC is looking forward to continuing this relationship to ensure all students are exposed to STEM through presentations and practical classes.

It was good because we got burgers and chips. Also, I feel more confident knowing enterprise skills – the skills you need to get a job. The enterprise skills are communication, teamwork, financial literacy, digital literacy, critical thinking, presentation skills, and creativity – Lucy Burns

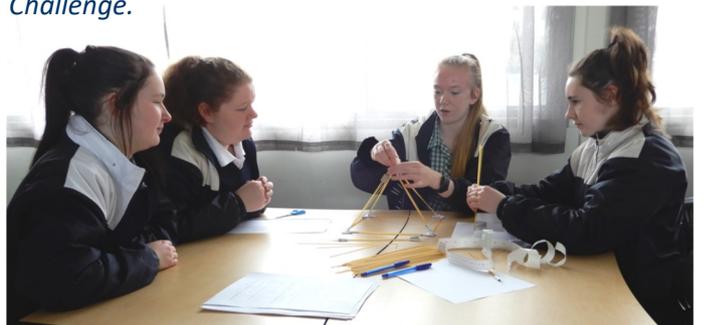
I feel a bit more confident about choosing my career because they reassured us that its okay to change your mind. – Alyx Cleary

I thought it was relieving to know that most didn't go to uni until they were like thirty – so you have time. – Caliyah

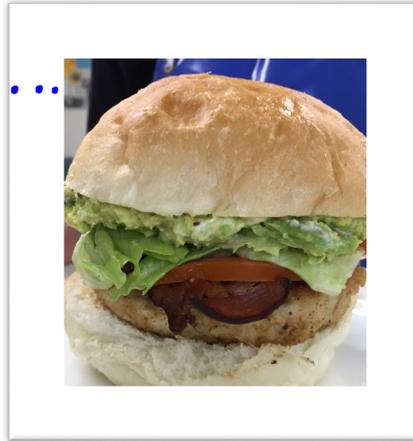
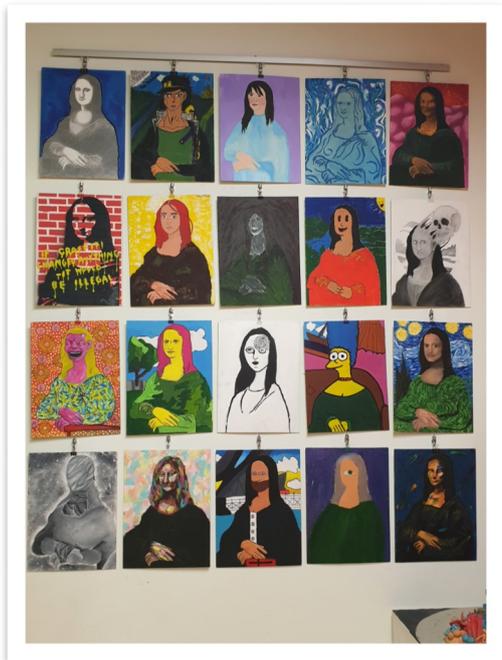
I learnt the many different styles of handshakes – what to do and what not to do. You should not sit down while shaking hands, 'the hand sandwich', 'the dominator', and 'the knucklebuster' should also be avoided. - Cooper



STEM Spaghetti Mellow Challenge.



Around the school....



Year 9 Food Studies class were asked to make a nutrient dense burger for teenagers. They look pretty delicious!

School for Student Learning – Alpine School

On Friday the 13th of September, Jo Kindred (Acting Principal) and Matthew Powell (Middle School Assistant Principal) visited Hamish Drew and Amber Cachia at the Gnurad Alpine School Campus. Students have been spending the last 8 weeks developing a CLP (Community Learning Project) on combatting litter at PSC and developing their leadership abilities.

Hamish and Amber spoke in front of a range of schools about the issue of litter in and around PSC and their plan to help stop this issue. It was clear that through this program, students had grown both in confidence and resilience. They demonstrated the schools core values and we were proud of not just their efforts on the day, but how they had conducted themselves through-out the program. Amber and Hamish then lead us on a tour around the campus and spoke about some of the difficulties and success' they had achieved.

Portland Secondary College has been involved in the school for Student Learning for many years and we are proud that we once again have a spot for 3 Year 9 boys and 3 Year 9 girls in 2020. We look forward to working with them upon their return in Term 4.



Amber Cachia



Hamish Drew



Matthew Powell | Middle School Assistant Principal | Portland Secondary College.

PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE



BE RESPECTFUL BE SUCCESSFUL BE RESILIENT BE CREATIVE

This Week's Successful Student

Holly Pauwels - 8B



Holly is always engaged and interested in science class, and helps her own learning by checking for understanding. She also volunteered to teach the class for an activity, and put in a strong effort to keep the class focussed. Holly is enthusiastic, demonstrates positive behaviour and helps her peers remain on task - a valuable member of 8B science.

Well done Holly!

NOMINATED BY: Mr Henderson DATE: 16.09.2019

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This Week's Successful Student

Zoe Martin - 8C

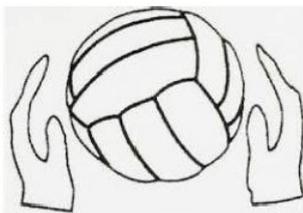


Zoe has consistently shown success and respect to her studies and peers throughout the school year.

Zoe has demonstrated excellent leadership skills in her role of being a team captain in our SEPEP Volleyball Unit.

Keep up the great work!

NOMINATED BY: Mr Elijah DATE: 16-09-2019



PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

TWILIGHT COMPETITION 2019/20

COMPETITION COMMENCE:

Monday 7 October 2019

Registration Night:

16 September 2019 from 5.30pm - 7pm

Grades available:

Open & Mixed
15/under, 13/under, 11/under
Net Set Go (Gr 3 & up)

Fees (VNA + PNA Rego):

Senior	\$76
Junior	\$56
Net Set Go	\$66

PNA Registration Fee \$30

(A \$20 discount applies to Juniors and Net set Go, thanks to Port of Portland)

(If want to play and don't have a team please come along on 16 September or email us with your details and we will try our best to find a team for you)

For more information:

Please email portland-netball-association@hotmail.com or contact us on 0438 552 352



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This Week's Successful Student

Benjamin Lewis - 7C



Benj is a polite, well mannered and active participant in science class. He is cooperative, considerate of others, and puts in his best effort. Benj is respectful and contributes to making the classroom a positive learning environment, by answering questions and helping his peers. Benj is a quiet achiever, and a valuable member of 7C science.

Well done Benj!

NOMINATED BY: Mr Henderson DATE: 16.09.2019

GD Golf – Monday 9th September

On Monday 9th September, four PSC students travelled to Hamilton Golf Course and returned with some pretty impressive results.

Junior Girls:

1st - Nalarni Bannam with a score of 62

Junior Boys:

1st – Harvey Reynolds with a score of 62

3rd – Ty Victor (67)

4th – Ethan Williams (68)

Ethan took out the Longest drive and Nearest to the pin

Congratulations to you all, you represented PSC well in the ‘muddy’



Portland Lawn Tennis Junior Competition

Portland Lawn Tennis Club are looking for Junior C Grade players ages 10-16 for the Saturday morning competition. The season starts on the 19th of October 2019 – March 2020.

We will be having “come and try” training nights on a Thursday night at 3.45pm – 4.45pm at the Portland Lawn Tennis Club. Our first training night will start on Thursday 19th September. Even if your child hasn’t played before come down for a hit as there will be children with all abilities.

*** If you are a B grade player you are also welcome to come along for a hit.

Contact Karyn Barbary 0404 032 747 Stuart Wakley 0419 886 071
Or pop in and see Bruce Elijah at Sportspower!



YEAR 8 — DARE TO DREAM



Students travelled to Warrnambool on Tuesday as part of the Dare to Dream program for some brain storming and career workouts.

The Year 8 students were split into two groups and attended both 'Lockology' where they were given the task of solving a series of clue/puzzle's to free themselves from one of the escape rooms, and 'Deakin University', where they received a tour through the Campus as well as hearing firsthand about Uni life from two student ambassadors .

Feedback from the students was positive and rewarding but so was the below email from Luke at Warrnambool Deakin:

“Both groups that attended were extremely engaged and so well behaved, it was super impressive! Our Student Ambassadors were really impressed with their questions and interest in life at university. Please pass onto the group that we really enjoyed hosting them for today's visit and they are welcome back anytime. You should be really proud of the way in which these students represented Portland Secondary College.”

Well Done to all the students involved!



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SWTAFE



Upcoming Info Sessions



2020 NURSING

WARRNAMBOOL
Monday 7 October
12.15pm or 5.15pm

HAMILTON
Wednesday 9 October
12.15pm or 5.15pm

DON'T MISS OUT!
If you want to study nursing in 2020 you'll need to register at an info session as **places are limited.**

SWTAFE OPEN WEEK

GLENORMISTON
Tuesday 22 October
12pm to 3pm

COLAC
Wednesday 23 October
12pm to 6pm

PORTLAND
Wednesday 23 October
12pm to 6pm

HAMILTON
Thursday 24 October
12pm to 6pm

WARRNAMBOOL
Friday 25 October
4pm to 7pm

Have a squiz around the amazing campuses and training facilities of SWTAFE, the region's leading vocational education provider. Chat to our teachers and find out about 2020 courses.



WARRNAMBOOL
Wednesday 20 November
12.15pm or 5.15pm

WARRNAMBOOL
Wednesday 11 December
12.15pm or 5.15pm

did you know?



TAFE currently provides training for 9 out of 10 careers predicted to have the **greatest jobs growth** in the next five years.



South West TAFE graduates have a **higher employment rate** than the average university graduate.

*NCVER VET Student Outcomes Report 2017

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

FREE

Ages 5-12
Bookings Essential



PORTLAND

DATE	TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY	BOOKINGS
Wednesday 25 September	11am - 12pm	Portland Library	Duck Cameron Magic Show	5522 2265
Thursday 26 September	2pm- 4pm	Portland YMCA	Pool Party	5521 7174
Friday 4 October	11am - 12pm	Portland Library	Little Lego Masters Reboot	5522 2265



CASTERTON & SURROUNDS

DATE	TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY	BOOKINGS
Wednesday 25 September	10am - 11pm	Community Centre	Kids Yoga for 5 to 10 year olds	5581 2139
Thursday 26 September	9:30am-10:30am	Community Centre	Painting and Craft for 5 to 10 year olds	5581 2139
Thursday 26 September	2:30pm-3:30pm	Casterton Library	Duck Cameron Magic Show	5554 2444
Friday 27 September	9:30am-11am	Community Centre	Themed Fluid Pour for 10 to 18 year olds	5581 2139
Friday 27 September	Starts at 5:30pm	Community Centre	Movie 'Wonder Park' rated PG	5581 2139
Wednesday 2 October	11am - 12pm	Casterton Library	Little Lego Masters Reboot	5554 2444
Thursday 3 October	9:30am-10:30am	Community Centre	Painting and Craft for 5 to 10 year olds	5581 2139
Friday 4 October	9:30am-11am	Community Centre	Themed Fluid Pour for 10 to 18 year olds	5581 2139

HEYWOOD

DATE	TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY	BOOKINGS
Thursday 26 September	10:30am-11:30am	Heywood Library	Duck Cameron Magic Show	5527 0666
Thursday 3 October	11am - 12pm	Heywood Library	Little Lego Masters Reboot	5527 0666



Students Required to Leave Early

Sometimes it is necessary for Parents/Guardians to pick up a child early from school.

If this needs to happen please ring before coming to collect your child and we will endeavour to have them waiting for you.

If this is a pre-organised appointment please send a note with your child detailing the time of the appointment so they can show their teacher/office staff and be waiting for you in the foyer.

Whilst we understand that emergencies do occur and this may not always be possible we would appreciate at least half an hour's notice.

Ideally it would be better to make appointments either side of school hours.

New Facebook Page

The *Portland Secondary College Facebook* page is a popular way for parents and students to keep up to date with what's happening at PSC – upcoming events, news items and daily activities.

We have now created a new Facebook page called *PSC 2nd Hand School Items For Sale* where parents and students can buy and sell second hand uniform items. You must request to join the page as a member pending approval.

Please contact the school if you require more information regarding this page.



Attention Parents!

Need to know more about Compass Student Manager?

Take the opportunity to learn more about Compass.

Lessons & enquiries for Parents are available from the General Office.



Doctors in Secondary Schools at Portland Secondary College

Wednesdays at the Doctors Pod.

Appointments can be made via Welfare Office, Student Services, DISS@portlandsc.vic.gov.au any time of the week, or visit the Doctors Pod on Wednesdays to make an appointment. Talk to Michelle Cables, Tania Beard or Mrs Hart if you have any questions about the service.

Portland Secondary College has been supporting the successful Doctors in Secondary Schools (DISS) program since 2017. Previously PSC have conducted feedback and surveys and this will occur soon. There will be an opportunity for parents, staff and students to be involved in this process, and a flyer will be in later newsletters to inform of the dates and logins.

Christine Hart -
PSD & Student Support Coordinator PSC.

Attention all Parents!

Local Police have contacted the school concerned about the following car parking issues in Fawthrop and Must Street:

- ⇒ Parents please do not park in the 'No Standing' zone in Fawthrop Street, large fines apply.
- ⇒ Please do not drop off/pick up your child whilst travelling through the angled car park area.
- ⇒ Students should not be running across the road, ducking and weaving through traffic to be collected on the other side of the road.
- ⇒ Allow enough space either side of the school flags in Must Street; it is an offence to park too close to school crossings.

Staff Communication

On occasions parents may require a staff member to phone them in relation to a student matter at school. Please allow at least 48 hours for the staff member to return your call. Often staff are required to attend meetings both before school and after school and complete yard duties as well as their teaching load.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Personal Goods brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal Property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, IPODS, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance.

Staff, students and parent/guardians are reminded of this at the beginning of this academic year. Please do not bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal

Do you have a few hours free?

Our Canteen staff are always looking for volunteers to assist in the canteen. Please contact the school 55231344 if you can assist.

Thank you for your support.

Wise and Witty Words.

What you do has far greater impact than what you say.

EFTPOS is available for your convenience at the General Office.



Mission Statement

To develop creative, articulate, respectful and resourceful young people able to contribute positively to the global community.



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